

**IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE EASTERN DISTRICT OF TEXAS
MARSHALL DIVISION**

FINESSE WIRELESS, LLC

Plaintiff,

v.

AT&T MOBILITY, LLC,

Defendant.

CASE NO. 2:21-CV-00316-JRG
(LEAD CASE)

FINESSE WIRELESS, LLC,

Plaintiff,

v.

CELLCO PARTNERSHIP d/b/a
VERIZON WIRELESS,

Defendants,

NOKIA OF AMERICA CORPORATION,
ERICSSON INC.,

Intervenors.

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(MEMBER CASE)

AMENDED DOCKET CONTROL ORDER

Before the Court is the Joint Motion to Amend the Docket Control Order (the “Motion”). (Dkt. No. 104.) Having considered the Motion, and noting its joint nature, the Court finds that it should be and hereby is **GRANTED** as modified. Accordingly, it is **ORDERED** that the following schedule of deadlines is in effect until further notice of the Court:

Original Deadline	Amended Deadline	Description
January 2, 2023		*Jury Selection — 9:00 a.m. in Marshall, Texas
December 5, 2022		* If a juror questionnaire is to be used, an editable (in Microsoft Word format) questionnaire shall be jointly submitted to the Deputy Clerk in Charge by this date. ¹
November 28, 2022		*Pretrial Conference — 9:00 a.m. in Marshall, Texas before Judge Rodney Gilstrap
November 21, 2022		<p>*Notify Court of Agreements Reached During Meet and Confer</p> <p>The parties are ordered to meet and confer on any outstanding objections or motions <i>in limine</i>. The parties shall advise the Court of any agreements reached no later than 1:00 p.m. three (3) business days before the pretrial conference.</p>
November 21, 2022		*File Joint Pretrial Order, Joint Proposed Jury Instructions, Joint Proposed Verdict Form, Responses to Motions <i>in Limine</i> , Updated Exhibit Lists, Updated Witness Lists, and Updated Deposition Designations
November 14, 2022		<p>*File Notice of Request for Daily Transcript or Real Time Reporting.</p> <p>If a daily transcript or real time reporting of court proceedings is requested for trial, the party or parties making said request shall file a notice with the Court.</p>

¹ The Parties are referred to the Court's Standing Order Regarding Use of Juror Questionnaires in Advance of *Voir Dire*.

Original Deadline	Amended Deadline	Description
November 7, 2022		File Motions <i>in Limine</i> The parties shall limit their motions <i>in limine</i> to issues that if improperly introduced at trial would be so prejudicial that the Court could not alleviate the prejudice by giving appropriate instructions to the jury.
November 7, 2022		Serve Objections to Rebuttal Pretrial Disclosures
October 31, 2022		Serve Objections to Pretrial Disclosures; and Serve Rebuttal Pretrial Disclosures
October 17, 2022		Serve Pretrial Disclosures (Witness List, Deposition Designations, and Exhibit List) by the Party with the Burden of Proof
October 11, 2022	October 17, 2022	*Response to Dispositive Motions (including <i>Daubert</i> Motions). Responses to dispositive motions that were filed <u>prior</u> to the dispositive motion deadline, including <i>Daubert</i> Motions, shall be due in accordance with Local Rule CV-7(e), not to exceed the deadline as set forth in this Docket Control Order. ² Motions for Summary Judgment shall comply with Local Rule CV-56.
September 26, 2022	October 10, 2022	*File Motions to Strike Expert Testimony (including <i>Daubert</i> Motions) No motion to strike expert testimony (including a <i>Daubert</i> motion) may be filed after this date without leave of the Court.

² The parties are directed to Local Rule CV-7(d), which provides in part that “[a] party’s failure to oppose a motion in the manner prescribed herein creates a presumption that the party does not controvert the facts set out by movant and has no evidence to offer in opposition to the motion.” If the deadline under Local Rule CV 7(e) exceeds the deadline for Response to Dispositive Motions, the deadline for Response to Dispositive Motions controls.

Original Deadline	Amended Deadline	Description
September 26, 2022	September 30, 2022	*File Dispositive Motions No dispositive motion may be filed after this date without leave of the Court. Motions shall comply with Local Rule CV-56 and Local Rule CV-7. <u>Motions to extend page limits will only be granted in exceptional circumstances.</u> <u>Exceptional circumstances require more than agreement among the parties.</u>
September 22, 2022	September 28, 2022	Deadline to Complete Expert Discovery
September 13, 2022	September 16, 2022	Serve Disclosures for Rebuttal Expert Witnesses
August 15, 2022		Deadline to Complete Fact Discovery and File Motions to Compel Discovery, except certain depositions of fact witnesses taken out of time by agreement of the parties, in which event the deadline for Plaintiff to file any motions to compel arising solely out of such fact depositions shall be 3 business days after the deposition
August 19, 2022	August 23, 2022	Serve Disclosures for Expert Witnesses by the Party with the Burden of Proof
August 17, 2022		Defendants to narrow theories to 7 invalidity theories per claim, with a theory being a unique combination of obviousness references or one anticipation theory (For the avoidance of doubt, theories under 35 U.S.C. §§ 101 & 112 are not subject to this narrowing)

(*) indicates a deadline that cannot be changed without showing good cause. Good cause is not shown merely by indicating that the parties agree that the deadline should be changed.

ADDITIONAL REQUIREMENTS

Mediation: While certain cases may benefit from mediation, such may not be appropriate for every case. The Court finds that the Parties are best suited to evaluate whether mediation will benefit the case after the issuance of the Court's claim construction order. Accordingly, the Court **ORDERS** the Parties to file a Joint Notice indicating whether the case should be referred for mediation **within fourteen days of the issuance of the Court's claim construction order.** As a part of such Joint Notice, the Parties should indicate whether they have a mutually agreeable

mediator for the Court to consider. If the Parties disagree about whether mediation is appropriate, the Parties should set forth a brief statement of their competing positions in the Joint Notice.

Summary Judgment Motions, Motions to Strike Expert Testimony, and Daubed Motions: For each motion, the moving party shall provide the Court with two (2) hard copies of the completed briefing (opening motion, response, reply, and if applicable, sur-reply), excluding exhibits, in D-three-ring binders, appropriately tabbed. All documents shall be single-sided and must include the CM/ECF header. These copies shall be delivered to the Court within three (3) business days after briefing has completed. For expert-related motions, complete digital copies of the relevant expert report(s) and accompanying exhibits shall be submitted on a single flash drive to the Court. Complete digital copies of the expert report(s) shall be delivered to the Court no later than the dispositive motion deadline.

Indefiniteness: In lieu of early motions for summary judgment, the parties are directed to include any arguments related to the issue of indefiniteness in their *Markman* briefing, subject to the local rules' normal page limits.

Lead Counsel: The Parties are directed to Local Rule CV-11(a)(1), which provides that “[o]n the first appearance through counsel, each party shall designate a lead attorney on the pleadings or otherwise.” Additionally, once designated, a party’s lead attorney may only be changed by the filing of a Motion to Change Lead Counsel and thereafter obtaining from the Court an Order granting leave to designate different lead counsel.

Motions for Continuance: The following excuses will not warrant a continuance nor justify a failure to comply with the discovery deadline:


- (a) The fact that there are motions for summary judgment or motions to dismiss pending;
- (b) The fact that one or more of the attorneys is set for trial in another court on the same day, unless the other setting was made prior to the date of this order or was made as a special provision for the parties in the other case;
- (c) The failure to complete discovery prior to trial, unless the parties can demonstrate that it was impossible to complete discovery despite their good faith effort to do so.

Amendments to the Docket Control Order (“DCO”): Any motion to alter any date on the DCO shall take the form of a motion to amend the DCO. The motion to amend the DCO shall include a proposed order that lists all of the remaining dates in one column (as above) and the proposed changes to each date in an additional adjacent column (if there is no change for a date the proposed date column should remain blank or indicate that it is unchanged). In other words, the DCO in the proposed order should be complete such that one can clearly see all the remaining deadlines and the changes, if any, to those deadlines, rather than needing to also refer to an earlier version of the DCO.

Proposed DCO: The Parties’ Proposed DCO should also follow the format described above under “Amendments to the Docket Control Order (‘DCO’).”

Joint Pretrial Order: In the contentions of the Parties included in the Joint Pretrial Order, the Plaintiff shall specify all allegedly infringed claims that will be asserted at trial. The Plaintiff shall also specify the nature of each theory of infringement, including under which subsections of 35 U.S.C. § 271 it alleges infringement, and whether the Plaintiff alleges divided infringement or infringement under the doctrine of equivalents. Each Defendant shall indicate the nature of each theory of invalidity, including invalidity for anticipation, obviousness, subject-matter eligibility, written description, enablement, or any other basis for invalidity. The Defendant shall also specify each prior art reference or combination of references upon which the Defendant shall rely at trial, with respect to each theory of invalidity. The contentions of the Parties may not be amended, supplemented, or dropped without leave of the Court based upon a showing of good cause.

So ORDERED and SIGNED this 17th day of August, 2022.



RODNEY GILSTRAP
UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE